

**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**Progress Report; Standardized Format To Be Used for Both Interim and Final Progress Reporting**

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Request for public comment on standardized EAC Progress Report (EAC-PR) format to be used for both interim and final progress reporting for all EAC grants and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To view the proposed EAC-PR format and instrument, see: <https://www.eac.gov/>

*payments-and-grants/reporting*. For information on the EAC-PR, contact Kinza Ghaznavi, Office of Grants, Election Assistance Commission, 202-400-1086, [HAVAFunding@eac.gov](mailto:HAVAFunding@eac.gov). All requests and submissions should be identified by the title of the information collection.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 2020 and allowed 60 days for public comment. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, EAC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment from all interested individuals and organizations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EAC Office of Grants Management (EAC/OGM) is responsible for distributing, monitoring and providing technical assistance to states and grantees on the use of federal funds. EAC/OGM also reports on how the funds are spent to Congress, negotiates indirect cost rates

with grantees, and resolves audit findings on the use of HAVA funds.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the EAC to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Office of Grants Management.
  - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
  - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
  - Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.
- Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review. OMB approval is requested for 3 years.
- Respondents:* All EAC grantees and state governments.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

EAC grant	Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per year	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
251 .....	EAC-PNR .....	43	2	1	86
101 .....	EAC-PNR .....	29	2	1	58
Election Security .....	EAC-PNR .....	56	2	1	112
CARES .....	EAC-PNR .....	56	*3	1	168
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	424

\* The total max possible number of reports per respondent is six, however, many grantees will be able to meet the match before the 2-year period due to the activities being restricted to the 2020 elections.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Proposed Agency Information Collection: Contracting**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information pursuant to

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will allow BPA to exercise management and oversight awarding of contracts in a cost-effective manner, and for safeguarding the interests of Bonneville in its contractual relationships. In order to perform these responsibilities, Contracting officers require information collections from prospective or current vendors regarding how they are fulfilling their contractual obligations. We have one correction to make on the annual estimated number of burden hours.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before September 25, 2020. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the OMB Desk Officer by email or mail.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to OMB Desk Officer: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. *Oira submission@omb.eop.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Attn: Laura McCarthy, CGI-7, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208-3621, or by fax Attn: Laura McCarthy, CGI-7 at 503-230-4619, or by email at [ljmccarthy@bpa.gov](mailto:ljmccarthy@bpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:  
 (1) OMB No.: New; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Contracting; (3) *Type of Request:* Existing collections

without OMB Control Number; (4) *Purpose:* This information collection is associated with BPA's management and oversight of contracting requirements in fulfillment of BPA vendor contracts. Non-employees, contractors, and the general public complete the following forms: BPA F 4220.04—Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts; BPA F 4220.51—Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract/Order; BPA F 4220.52—Solicitation, Offer, and Award for Construction; and BPA F 4220.55—Solicitation/Contract/Order for Services and/or Items; (5) *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,370; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,370; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 543; and (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* 0. We have corrected the number of burden hours to 543 from the original 108 hours. We were incorrect with the estimated burden response for form BPA F 4220.51—Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract/Order.

*Statutory Authority:* The Bonneville Project Act codified at 16 U.S.C. 832; the Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act of 1974; and the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act.

#### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy, was signed on June 9, 2020, by Candice D. Palen, Information Collection Clearance Manager, Bonneville Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register** Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 20, 2020.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD20-9-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725R); Comment Request; Revision

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of revision of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on revisions of the information collection FERC-725R (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: BAL Reliability Standards), and will be submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due October 26, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to the Commission, in Docket No. RD20-9-000, by one of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>;
- *U.S. Postal Service Mail:* Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426; or
- *Effective 7/1/2020,* delivery of filings other than by eFiling or the U.S. Postal Service should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC-725R, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: BAL Reliability Standards.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0268.

*Type of Request:* Revisions to FERC-725R information collection requirements, as discussed in Docket No. RD20-9-000.

*Abstract:* Reliability Standard BAL-003-2 (Frequency Response and Frequency Bias Setting) will enhance reliability and improve upon the currently effective version of the Standard by refining and clarifying the process and methods for calculating the amount of Frequency Response that must be provided in a given operating year to support the reliable operation of the Bulk Power System.

On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted into law the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAc 2005).<sup>1</sup> EPAc 2005 added a new section 215 to the Federal Power Act (FPA), which required a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, any Reliability Standard may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission may independently enforce Reliability Standards.<sup>2</sup>

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing section 215 of the FPA.<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the ERO.<sup>4</sup> The Reliability Standards developed by the ERO and approved by the Commission apply to users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System as set forth in each Reliability Standard.

On December 19, 2019, NERC submitted for approval proposed Reliability Standard BAL-003-2, as well as a proposed implementation plan, Violation Risk Factors, and Violation Severity Levels. The revisions in proposed Reliability Standard BAL-003-2 are concentrated in Attachment A of the revised Standard, "BAL-003-2 Frequency Response and Frequency

<sup>1</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (codified at 16 U.S.C. 824o).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(3).

<sup>3</sup> Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, order on reh'g, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

<sup>4</sup> North American Electric Reliability Corp., 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, order on reh'g and compliance, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), order on compliance, 118 FERC ¶ 61,190, order on reh'g, 119 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2007), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).